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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

TITLE: Building Bridges and Bonds (B3) Study: Data Collection

OMB NO.: New Collection

DESCRIPTION: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) proposes to collect information as part of the Building Bridges and Bonds (B3) study. B3 will inform policymakers, program operators, and stakeholders about effective ways for fatherhood programs to support fathers in their parenting and employment. In particular, partnering with programs that serve low-income fathers to promote responsible fatherhood, the B3 study will examine the effectiveness of strategies used to (1) engage fathers in program activities, (2) develop and support parenting and co-parenting skills, and (3) advance the employment of disadvantaged fathers. The study will include up to six sites and specific interventions will vary by site.

B3 includes an impact evaluation and a process study. The impact evaluation will involve randomly assigning individuals to a treatment or comparison condition and comparing key outcomes including employment; earnings; child support; father/child contact, shared activities, and relationship quality; father's commitment to his

child, parenting skills, and parenting efficacy; co-parenting relationship quality; and criminal justice outcomes.

The process study will describe and document each newly established intervention and how it operated to provide insight into the treatment differentials and the context for interpreting findings of the impact study and highlight lessons to the field.

Data collection instruments for the B3 study include the following:

(1) Screening for program eligibility. (2) nFORM management information system (MIS) to record study and participation information. (3) Baseline and follow-up surveys for the impact study. (4) Staff surveys and interviews, focus groups with participants and mothers, mobile device surveys for participants, and post-session debrief forms to inform the process study.

Respondents: Fathers seeking services from one of the six Responsible Fatherhood Programs in the B3 study and staff members working at the B3 sites.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Respondent	Total Number of Respondents	Annual Number of Respondents	Number of Responses Per Respondent	Average Burden Hours Per Response	Annual Burden Hours
1 - Screening questions for parenting intervention	Applicant	4,000	1,333	1	0.083	111
	Staff	36	12	111	0.083	111
2 - Screening questions for employment intervention	Applicant	900	300	1	0.250	75
	Staff	12	4	75	0.250	75
3 - Consent Materials for Parents of Fathers under 18	Parent of Applicant	500	167	1	0.167	28
	Staff	36	12	14	0.167	28
4 - B3-specific eligibility data	Applicant	6,400	2,133	1	0.017	36
	Staff	72	24	89	0.017	36
5 - B3-specific enrollment data	Applicant	2,700	900	1	0.153	138
	Staff	72	24	38	0.151	138
6 - B3 tracking of attendance in services for program group members	Staff	72	24	363	0.008	70
7 - Additional nFORM burden for non-Grantee site	Applicant	450	150	1	0.250	38
	Staff	12	4	1,969	0.0343	270
8 & 9 - Baseline surveys	Applicant	2,842	947	1	0.800	758
10 & 11 - 6 month follow-up surveys	Applicant	2,430	810	1	0.667	540
12 & 13 - Staff and management semi-structured interviews	Staff	240	80	2	1.5	240
14 & 15 - Staff surveys	Staff	240	80	1	0.667	53
16 - Participant focus groups	Applicant	160	53	1	2.0	106
17 - Mother Focus Groups	Co-parent of Applicant	80	27	1	1.0	27
18 & 19 - Mobile device surveys	Applicant	1,350	450	5	0.117	263
20 - Post-session debrief for sites testing parenting intervention	Staff	36	12	104	0.083	104

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:

3,245

Additional Information: Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. E-mail address: [OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov).

OMB Comment: OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the Federal Register. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following:

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